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SUBJECT: ECONADS: AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 6 MEETING

1. ALTHOUGH FORMAL AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 6 MEETING HAS NOT YET BEEN ISSUED, ECONOMIC COMMITTEE SECRETARY MME. VAN DEN BULCKE INFORMS US THERE ARE TO BE ONLY TWO "SUBSTANTIVE" POINTS IN ADDITION TO THE USUAL STANDARD ITEMS (APPROVAL OF DECISION SHEETS, EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON VISITS AND CSCE IMPLEMENTATION, PRESS REVIEW, AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS).

2. ONE OF THESE WILL BE A BRIEF, PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE CONOMIC DIRECTORATE'S DRAFT REPORT ON "NATO COUNTRIES' TRADE WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN 1974," DOC AC/127-WP/442. GUIDANCE HAS ALREADY BEEN REQUESTED IN USNATO 5956, AND WE WILL APPRECIATE ANY INITIAL REACTIONS WASHINGTON AGENCIES CAN GIVE.

3. OF GREATER IMPORTANCE WILL BE THE CONTINUING DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED JOINT ECONADS/POLADS REPORT ON RECENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN EE AND THE USSR, DOC ED/EC/75/71. A SEPTTEL (USNATO 5983) DEALS WITH FUTURE DISCUSSION OF THE REPORT AT THE NOVEMBER 11 POLADS MEETING. WE WOULD NEVERTHELESS APPRECIATE GUIDANCE, PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED IN USNATO 5659, ON THE ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THE REPORT, AS WELL AS ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THE US COULD MAKE AVAILABLE, RESPONSIVE TO CHAIRMAN BILLY'S REQUEST QUOTED IN PARA 1. II OF THAT MESSAGE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT
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POLITICAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN KILLHAM WILL BE ATTENDING THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING IN AN EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE ARISEN BETWEEN THE TWO COMMITTEES (OR BETWEEN THEIR TWO CHAIRMEN) ON THE HANDLING OF THIS REPORT.

4. MME. VAN DEN BULCKE ALSO INFORMED US THAT CHAIRMAN BILLY
HOPED TO ACHIEVE APPROVAL OF THE DECISION SHEET ON THE OCTOBER 2
EXPERTS MEETING ON THE EFFECTS OF INFLATION ON ALLIED DEFENSE
EXPENDITURES (AC/127-R/479, TRANSMITTED BY USNATO 5643).
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